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## Superintendent's Update

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Dear Colleagues, Parents and Community Members,

It's summer! I hope you are finding time to relax with family and friends and take some time to get out of our desert heat. Your BESD family will hopefully take some time, as well. However, until we do, we are busy at work to prepare for the upcoming school year, which starts August 2.

This is going to be another exciting year for us and our community. I invite you to join us on Friday, July 28 at 9:00 a.m. for the Marionneaux Elementary School Dedication Ceremony. Marionneaux is will be our seventh school in the District. Come and see for yourself how technology is changing our education. With STEM labs, interactive learning boards and so much more. Located at 24155 W. Roeser Road., Marionneaux is a beautiful 16-acre campus with innovative design features. We are extremely proud of this project, as I am sure you will be. I am looking forward to seeing you at the dedication. If you would like a tour of the facility, call 623-925-3400 and Principal Nick Forgette will be your guide.

There are some new leaders joining our BESD family. Veronica Griffin is the new principal for Inca Elementary School. Ms. Griffin has a Master's Degree in education from Arizona State University and was most recently the Campus Director at Brightmont Academy in Chandler. Dr. Drew Davis will be our Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, and Dr. Michael Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Programs and Professional Learning. Both of these leaders will allow the district to increase our capacity as we continue to grow.

Have you been to the movies lately? If you have, perhaps you have seen our new advertisement promoting the benefits of our school district. We have placed a 15-second ad on the Harkins Theatres at Estrella Falls, Park West and Gateway Pavilions. This is just one of the many promotions to help us raise awareness about the District and increase enrollments at our schools.

That's my update, for now. Hope you are having a wonderful summer and I look forward to writing to you again in July.

I invite you to become an active community member in our District and help make a difference in our schools. You can join the Parent/Superintendent Council or Site Councils at each of our schools. In addition, our BESD Foundation would love to have you as an active member in helping our teachers and programs. Be sure to follow us on Twitter or Facebook. These are all opportunities to connect with us and see why we are "Passionate About Student Success."

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